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- 1. WE APPRECIATE VERY MUCH YOUR EFFORT TO CONVINCE PRESIDENT LOPEZ THAT THE LEAK DID NOT COME FROM THE USG.
- 2. HAVING CHECKED WITH THE APPROPRIATE AGENCIES HAVING KNOWLEDGE OF THE DOCUMENT IN QUESTION, DEPARTMENT BELIEVES THAT CHANCES THAT A COPY WAS PROVIDED LE MONDE ARE VIRTU-ALLY NON-EXISTENT. DISTRIBUTION OF COPIES OF THE DOCUMENT SECRET

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WAS VERY STRICTLY LIMITED.

3. A SOMEWHAT LARGER, BUT STILL RESTRICTED, GROUP OF USG OFFICIALS IS AWARE OF FACT THAT A BRIEFING WAS GIVEN TO PRESIDENT LOPEZ AND THAT IT MENTIONED TWO MINISTERS, BUT WE BELIEVE IT IS EXTREMELY UNLIKELY THAT ANY USG OFFICIALS LEAKED THIS INFORMATION TO LE MONDE, OR EVEN HAD ANY

CONTACT AT ALL WITH THAT NEWSPAPER.

4. PLEASE PASS THE SUBSTANCE OF PARAGRAPHS TWO AND THREE ABOVE TO PRESIDENT LOPEZ AS YOU DEEM APPROPRIATE. YOU MAY ALSO ADVISE HIM THAT USG (FYI - DEA REGIONAL OFFICE IN PARIS) IS CHECKING INTO THE MATTER OF THE LE MONDE STORY AND THAT WE WILL REPORT WHATEVER INFORMATION IS DEVELOPED. VANCE

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